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WAR AND PEACE

Our generation has surely gotten into a mess when it comes to naming things. Take the terms: war and peace.

In theory, we are war with Germany and Japan. No peace treaty has been signed officially ending World War II. At war—but there is no fighting; in fact, we are very friendly with Japan and with West Germany. If real fighting broke out again, many feel that each would be with us.

But we are supposed to be at peace with certain other countries, against whom we are actually fighting! There has been no declaration of war in Asia, yet many of our best divisions are fighting in an all-out battle!

Perhaps this newspaper is the old-fashioned kind. We like to call things by their correct names. We just can not get addicted to being at war with some one but not fighting; or at peace with some one else while fighting them tooth and nail.

We are so old-fashioned, indeed, that we favor an immediate peace, even if has to be a separate peace, with Japan and West Germany; and we also resign ourselves that the time is getting near when we must frankly face an open showdown with against whom we are shooting. Our prayer is for peace with all.

There is little decent about killing people, but the editor of this paper was brought up on the belief that one did not start shooting until a state of war had been declared, and that when the war was over, one made peace.

It has been a long time since the Pipe of Peace was filled.

ASKING A LOT

(The Sherman, Texas, Democrat)

In its long strides to overcome man's aches and pains it's a wonder medical science hasn't turned up a cure for which there isn't any disease.

MUST GO TOGETHER

It is our opinion that the public was in sympathy with the position of the automobile makers in their recent objection to a freeze or roll-back of car prices. The general feeling was the rapid increase of prices must be slowed or halted, but that it is unfair to fix the price of what one has to sell without at the same time fixing the price of what one has to buy. Unless income increases in line with outgo, one is soon deep in mortgages or worse. A freeze in wages should be considered along with a freeze in commodity pricing.

It is difficult for a manufacturer to make commitments to deliver goods at a fixed price, when he does not know the price of the material and the labor that produces the finished product. If anything, the manufacturer needs an extra margin for contingencies.

But to make the problem more vexing, total control carries its own frustrations and inequities, and on top of that involves adding countless thousands to the army of bureaucrats, to be paid out of the tax till.

To that end, we are glad to see a man like Charles E. Wilson head up the defense production. He is a man of vast experience in dealing with just such problems. President Truman may have his weaknesses, being human; but, he made a wise selection of one to shape up our cold-war economy when he turned to the head of General Electric.

INDIVIDUAL DEBT

So much is written about staggering national debts, that we often overlook that individual affairs are also operated from hand to mouth. Varying forms of taxes and fixed costs, mounting living expenses and a welter of things to get into the pay-check, all add up to the general fact that hardly anyone anymore has any ready cash. Many families either stay in debt or else live from one pay check to the next. Lost of two pay checks would put virtually everyone in the red. And many have spent the pay check before they actually get it.

We fell to thinking of this when we recalled days of yore when many people liked to start off each new year free of debt. The end of the year used to see virtually everyone paying up outstanding accounts, so January 1 would dawn on freedom from debt.

There are many reasons for the modern situation, and for one, we do not believe the world is getting worse. For one thing, in the old days our farm people got the money for their year's work when their one big cash crop was harvested and sold. That was often in the fall of the year. They had to charge items all the year, and then when they sold tobacco, for example, they tried to pay up and start off a new year fresh. In modern times, we are not so dependent on one big cash crop. And the farmer does not have to charge it all year. An example is the dairy farmer; he gets paid every two weeks and in turn can pay up more promptly. He has something to sell year-round.

At another angle, is the ampering expansion of insurance coverage. Many who have little or no pocket cash, do have, instead, ironclad protection in the form of their insurance. Health insurance and crop insurance are two forms of insurance which have expanded tremendously in our generation. It is no longer vital that one's assets be in the form of coin of the realm. A man may not have $100 in currency, yet be worth several thousand and worth it in fairly liquid form.

People handle more money than ever before. We think many of them do a fairly good job of it.

But, perhaps our point was merely to be whimsical and wish that all hands, from Uncle Sam down, could just once more, start off a new year OUT OF DEBT!

BANGOR'S RECORD

(The Boston Post)

With the high cost of municipal government soaring it is refreshing to note that the city of Bangor, Maine, has accomplished a splendid record this year. At the close of November the city auditor reports that the city had an unexpended balance of $344,990. With monthly disbursements averaging $210,000, he expects the year to end with a surplus over $100,000.

It may be that conditions in Bangor are quite different than in other cities. There is reason to believe, however, that if one city can run its affairs and show a surplus at the end of the year, others might take pattern. With defense costs now at a staggering figure, and a national emergency having been declared by the President, city officials can do their patriotic part in the present crisis by paring to the bone all non-essential spending from now on.

Tenth Corps now included in the 8th Army.

Total number jailed in Virginia shows sharp increase.

Reds attack French salient.

Holiday death toll in the nation approximately 650.

Red newspapers seeking more subscribers in campaign for readers.

Defense problems cause Truman to shorten holiday.

Blacksmiths are still essential in spite of the machine age.

Washington and Lee football team to play Wyoming in Gator Bowl.

Ezzard Charles is voted the boxer of the year.

Ministers in Fredicksburg call for spiritual reawakening.

Christmas highway accidents 8 lives in Virginia.

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WAKE UP KIT
ANDY- I'VE GOT HALF AN HOUR BEFORE MY HOT SCENE AND I'M GOING TO TAKE A NAP IN YOUR ROOM. DON'T LET ME OVERSLEEP!
WAKE UP KIT
By Arthur Pointer
GOLLY— I JUST HAVE SLEPT A WEEK!

GRANDMA

By Charles Kuhn
GRANDMA, WHY MUST YOU STOP AND TALK WITH THAT NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER EVERY TIME YOU SEE HIM?
OH, I LOVE T' WATCH HIS CUTE LITTLE MUSTACHE WIGGLE WHEN HE TALKS-

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Uniform Bible School Lessons
By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

Center of Life

Lesson for December 31, 1950

LESSON TEXT: John 15:1-10; Galatians 2:20; 5:22-25
DEVOTIONAL READING: John 15:

Dr. Foreman

...OD does a Christian grow? During the past three months this has been our underlying question. ...t the year's end we come ... to the point ... we began: ... Jesus a Christ. ... all is said ... the best ... to describe a ...rson's life is ... "religious" or ...ritual" or even ...h" much less ... The best ... to describe it ... the fullest possible meaning ... the single word "CHRIS-

...Have Been Captured"

...your hymnal you may find a ... by the author of the hymn ... "O Love that wilt not ... go." It begins with these ...

"Make me a captive, Lord, ...nd then I shall be free . . ."

...ur words upside-down. Captive ...free are opposites, aren't they? ...when God is the captor! The ...erican translation of Phil. 3:12 ...: "I have been captured by ...Christ." Paul's word was a ...ng one; it was the Greek word ...hen police or soldiers take a ...and tie him and lead him off. ...ople who have gone far in ...ld would understand this. Take ...young people, both of whom ...e searching about music, may-...e of them in the same music ...ol. One of them has been cap-...ed so to speak, by music, the ...er has not. That is to say, in ...r language, music has "got ...r" of one of them. There is an ...sible fascination about music ...m, every day is too short for ...ody and practice he wants to ...the other one goes through his ...s, but his heart is not in it.

...e need no prophet to tell us ...ich of the two will make a ...d musician. So it is with ...e Christian faith. One who has ...never been captivated by Christ ...ay play around with the Christ-...n faith, as the unraptured ...sic student may play around ...e music school; but his heart ...s not be in it.

...me say saint you like in the ...n history of Christendom, ...ther famous like St. Francis or ...ngton Booth, or known only to ..., like one of your own family ...s; you always find that this ...s whose Christianity was a ...e and powerful thing, called ...Master, and meant it.

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...hrist Lives in Me"

...RE is a more intimate way ...putting this. It is true, the ...ian has been "captured" by ...e. But this would still leave ...n the outside. Christ lives **in** ...Christian, as Paul said. For ...people this may seem strange ...sical, but it can be under-...d by any one who wants to know ...Christian living can mean.

...Christ in the Christian means ...t in every situation, in every ...ision, at every turn of the ...d in the everyday choices ...conversations, the Christian ...ks as much like Christ as he ...ould can. This is one point ...which Christians of every ...ge and church agree. Catho-...or Protestant, conservative ...erical, our differences evapo-...e when our hearts are warm, ...we try to think what the ...Christian life is.

...-level Christians from all ...Christendom would all come ...n the same story that Paul ...h classic words: I live, yet ...t Christ liveth in me.

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...IDE in me and I in you," ...said Jesus. That is a com-...and a promise. But the com-...comes first. Whether we think ...Christian as "in" Christ or ...s "in" the Christian, it ...d is a long story, not a short ...e. To sunbathe in the flower ...flower in the sunshine! Well, ...put the flower in the sunshine ...ers it there, and the sunshine ...s into the flower. The sun ...the flower, not the flower ...n. Yet unless the flower stays ...sunshine, the sun can do ...for it.

...ist never yet battered his ...into any one's life. To know ...as an occasional visitor is ...ss better than never ...ving him at all. But friend-...is far better than acquaint-...and to know him best ...must know him always.

...e welcoming heart has him ...for a guest. What 1951 will ...no man can tell; but no ...of Christ will be afraid.

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Rocks

Rocks, Dec. 25.- Christmas Day passed off very quietly around here. Some are hunting and visiting friends.

School children are enjoying the nice holidays.

Mr. L. C. Elder and G. T. Marsh move in a stack of hay one day last week.

Miss Irene Elder, of Washington, D. C. made a brief visit here to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder on her way to LaFayette, Ind., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne, of Williamsburg are spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder, and his mother, Mrs. Payne, of Huddleston.

Hutson Baldwin is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. R. C. Baldwin.

Mr. Myers has returned after spending some time at Red House, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. C. Elder.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach and children moved into their new house Wednesday.

Quite a few had to work hard Thursday to save R. L. Jennings' dwelling house when it caught on fire.

Quite a few were at Rocks last night for the Christmas play and treat given. The children were happy to see Santa Claus.

The following were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte C. H., Va. Sunday: Mrs. W. F Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ranson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson, Miss Odelle Ranson and Cassie Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach, of Lynchburg are visiting Mrs. W. F. Ranson and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne attended the funeral of Mrs. Lacy Myers at Red House Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson, of Shawnee, Kansas, arrived here Sunday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson's aunt, Mrs. Maude Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ranson and children, of Bristol, Tenn., will arrive to spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ranson.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson had her children to spend Christmas day with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children will spend Christmas night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Foster, of Darlington Heights.

Passengers safe in derailment of cars in Ohio.

Saluda to change over to the dial phone system in February.

Oppose Power Diversion

Scotland Neck, N. C., Dec. 27.- The Roanoke River Basin Association and the Roanoke River Flood Control Committee have gone on record in opposition to any diversion from the Roanoke River Basin of the power to be created at Buggs Island Dam on the Roanoke River unless it were definitely shown that this diversion was for purposes of national defense.

The action was taken by the officers of the two groups comprising their respective executive committees and was brought about by the approval last week by the sub-committee of the House Appropriations Committee of a bill sponsored by the Department of the Interior providing the initial appropriation for construction of a transmission line from Buggs Island Dam to Langley Field, Virginia.

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